

Phenix National Bank (Mortgage Guarantee
and Title Company Building)
85-89 Westminster Street
Providence
Providence County
Rhode Island

HABS No. RI-329

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Rhode Island	COUNTY Providence	TOWN OR VICINITY Providence
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Phenix National Bank		HABS NO. RI-329
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Mortgage Guarantee & Title Company Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 85-89 Westminster Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1927 (Providence Magazine, volume 36, number 11, pp. 496-500)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Jackson, Robertson and Adams (Providence Magazine, volume 36, number 11, pp. 496-500)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This was a typical, small-scale, Neo-Federal office building, similar to several that rose in the second and third decades of the twentieth century. Like other buildings in the area, it housed a financial institution.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Neo-Federal		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) steel-frame construction with brick veneer and stone exterior		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangular plan, roughly forty feet wide and sixty feet deep		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Five-story structure, arched window on second floor, rectangular sash windows third through fifth floors; boxed cornice with decorative frieze; balustraded brick parapet		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) small lobby, single-loaded corridors on upper stories. plans not extant		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES storefront replaced, probably in 1950s or 1960s.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE demolished		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE N. A.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Providence Magazine, volume 36, number 11, pp. 496-500		
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